

Art Kevin, by phone, on Brennan hearing, taped 7/30/68

The courtroom was packed with a number of reporters for the hearing of Dr. Stanley Brennan's show-cause hearing. A number of newsmen were present in the courtroom awaiting the show-cause hearing for Dr. Stanley Brennan. Jim Garrison, of course, had asked that he be returned to New Orleans as a man who could offer valuable testimony on the alleged conspiracy to kill the late President Kennedy. It was evident from the moment that the proceedings began that Dr. Brennan, through his attorney, _____ Camperet, was ready, willing and able to return to New Orleans. It was Camperet's position that since the allegations were made in New Orleans by the District Attorney, that Louisiana had jurisdiction in the matter. The judge in the case, _____, tried, delicately, to inform Mr. Camperet that he had jurisdiction under California law. Mr. Camperet, ^{obviously,} ~~obviously~~, didn't get the message. As the testimony continued, the judge decided to halt the proceedings to advise Mr. Camperet and his client of the full legalities involved in the case. They retired to the judge's chambers ^{for} 15 minutes. When they returned to the courtroom, Camperet was smiling, at ease, and apparently was ready for what was to ensue. Camperet, who at the outset, did not want Dr. Brennan to take the stand, now said he would allow the doctor to take the stand. The guidelines were set up so that the doctor would not incriminate himself and he went on to tell such important things as name, address, yearly income, and tell the court-explain to the court where he was on November 22, 1963. And how he came to know of the death of President Kennedy. Brennan was cross examined, quote unquote, if it can be called that, by representatives from the local district attorney's office, who had shown mass ignorance in the entire Garrison matter by their questioning of other relevant witnesses.

W. Did they have the Brown report, Art.

K. No; they did not. The interesting thing is the assistant district attorney's representing the interest of Garrison in the courtroom, had no knowledge of Camperet, or Brennan, or the FBI reports that had been filed regarding Brennan. A fascinating thing. They had no knowledge of it. But again,

part and parcel of the gross ignorance they had shown throughout the matters relating to the California witnesses. Drannen got off the stand and the judge said, "I do not see any sufficiency to have this man returned to New Orleans. It was as simple as that and it caught everyone by surprise. You might want to add a footnote that this very reliable source here in Cal., you know, who is with the State of California equivalent of the FBI-told me that the judge and Joe Ball-

W. Were the best of chums.

K. Were the best of chums.

W. I took that down as you gave it to me before, Art, and I have that in K. Good, good.

W. I'd gone on from there with some interesting things about Ball, Art, one other thing I think you told me before, and I'd like to know if this is a fair representation. You said that at the beginning, before the judge called the start of the proceedings, when the newsmen were taking to Camperet, he had more or less resigned himself to the inevitable.

K. Yes! Yes! I've got 'im on tape saying things like that, you know, that it's inevitable, and all that. I'll tell you what I can do. I think I've got the tape here.

W. Gees, I'd love to have that.

K. Why don't I send the tape to you by phone. You can tape it over the phone, at your end, and you'll have definite outquotes. Hold on just a second. pause. He did not find his tape.